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Saskatchewan livestock producers made good haying progress last week and now have 88 per cent of the hay crop cut. Seventy-six per cent of the hay crop has been baled or put into silage, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report. Eighty-nine per cent of the provincial hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality.

One year ago

Eighty-four per cent of the hay crop had been cut with 67 per cent baled or put into silage. Harvest was just beginning.

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Haying progress varies across the province.
Southwestern Saskatchewan has 96 per cent of the hay cut; southeastern Saskatchewan has 92 per cent cut; the west-central region has 80 per cent cut; the east-central region has 89 per cent cut; the northwest has 76 per cent cut; and the northeast has 88 per cent cut.

Provincial pasture conditions are rated as 23 per cent excellent, 57 per cent good, 17 per cent fair and three per cent poor. Livestock water availability is adequate.

Many areas of the province received several inches of rainfall this past week that has helped to alleviate crop stress. Top soil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 12 per cent surplus, 73 per cent adequate, 14 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and three per cent very short.

Producers are starting to harvest winter cereals and pulses in some regions of the province. Farmers are desiccating pulses and swathing canola and mustard in some areas. The majority of crop damage this week is due to disease, insects, wind and drought.

Farmers are busy haying, controlling diseases and insects and getting ready for harvest.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Haying continues in the southeastern region and livestock producers now have 92 per cent of the hay crop cut and 86 per cent baled or put into silage. Ninety-six per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent. Pasture conditions are rated as 18 per cent excellent, 67 per cent good, 12 per cent fair and three per cent poor. Ninety-nine per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their livestock.

Precipitation ranged from trace amounts in some areas to 50 mm in the Indian Head region. The Frobisher area received 13 mm of rainfall, the Manor area 43 mm, the Stoughton area 25 mm, the Weyburn area 35 mm, the Odessa area 25 mm, the Radville area 7 mm and the Tantallon area 4 mm. Since April 1, rainfall in the region has ranged from 167 mm (Radville area) to 481 mm (Tantallon). Tornadoes, strong winds and heavy rains have lodged many crops.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as eight per cent surplus, 74 per cent adequate, 17 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture moisture is rated as eight per cent surplus, 67 per cent adequate, 24 per cent short and one per cent very short. In Crop District 2A, 33 per cent of the cropland has surplus moisture while CD 3ASE is reporting 70 per cent of cropland is short of moisture.

Harvest is now underway in the southeastern region. Some winter cereal and pulse fields have been combined with many other fields ready for harvest within the next few weeks. Many crops are showing stress from the high temperatures, and yields are anticipated to be lower than normal in some areas. Swathing of some canola crops will begin soon and there are reports of a higher-than-usual incidence of aster yellows. The majority of crop damage this week is due to heat stress, diseases, insects, wind and localized flooding.

Farmers are busy finishing haying, controlling insects and disease and getting ready for harvest.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Livestock producers made good haying progress this past week and now have 96 per cent of the hay crop cut and 89 per cent baled or put into silage. Ninety-seven per cent of it is in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions are rated as 16 per cent excellent, 45 per cent good, 32 per cent fair and seven per cent poor. Ninety-eight per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their livestock.

The majority of the southwest received trace amounts of rain last week, which has further stressed both crops and pastures. The Stewart Valley area received 29 mm of rainfall last week, the Kyle area 22 mm, the Gull Lake area 11 mm, the Big Beaver area 1 mm, the Mortlach area 5 mm, the Central Butte area 10 mm, the Kincaid area 12 mm and the Vanguard area 4 mm. Since April 1, rainfall in the region has ranged from 182 mm (Bengough area) to 374 mm (Eyebrow area).

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 51 per cent adequate, 43 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 49 per cent adequate, 42 short and nine per cent very short. In crop districts 3BS and 4B, 82 per cent and 68 per cent of cropland acres, respectively, are short of moisture. In Crop District 4A, 20 per cent of the hay land and pasture is very short of moisture.

Harvest has begun, with pulses, winter cereals and mustard being combined. Early reports are indicating that some crop yields will be less than normal due to the recent hot temperatures. Crop reporters are indicating that rain is needed because 51 per cent of the crops in the southwestern region are suffering from low moisture stress.

Crops continue to advance and most producers will begin harvest in the coming weeks. Many farmers are desiccating pulses and some lentil fields will soon be swathed. There have been reports of late-seeded fields being sprayed for wheat midge and bertha armyworms. Strong winds combined with root rot in some fields have lodged many crops.

Farmers are busy finishing haying, spraying pre-harvest chemicals and getting ready for harvest.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Livestock producers in the east-central region have made good progress haying and now have 89 per cent of the crop cut and 72 per cent of the crop baled or put into silage. Eighty-three per cent is in good to excellent condition while 17 per cent is in fair condition. Pasture conditions are rated as 21 per cent excellent, 61 per cent good, 17 per cent fair and one per cent poor. One hundred per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their animals.

The region received varying amounts of rainfall this past week, helping many crops recover from the recent heat. The Ituna area received 81 mm of rain last week, the Jedburgh area 49 mm, the Raymore area 24 mm, the Abernethy area 44 mm, the Kamsack area 30 mm, the Foam Lake area 43 mm, the Kuroki area 13 mm, the Kelvington area 55 mm, the Earl Grey area 18 mm, the Craik area 29 mm and the Jansen area 23 mm. Since April 1, rainfall in the region has ranged from 231 mm (Quill Lake area) to 479 mm (Jedburgh area).

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 10 per cent surplus, 82 per cent adequate and eight per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 14 per cent surplus, 77 per cent adequate and nine per cent short. Crop District 5A is reporting that 40 per cent of cropland and 29 per cent of hay land and pasture have surplus moisture.

Most of the crop damage this week is attributed to disease, insects, wind and localized flooding. Most canola crops have high levels of aster yellows.. Farmers are spraying for diseases in all crops and some canola crops may be sprayed for bertha armyworms in the coming weeks. There have been reports of rust in many wheat fields. Strong winds

and heavy rains in parts of the region have lodged fields and some low lying areas are now flooded out. Harvest will begin in the coming weeks on earlier-seeded crops.

Farmers are busy finishing haying, controlling disease and insects and getting equipment ready for harvest.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Haying continues in the west-central region. Eighty per cent of the hay crop has been cut and 72 per cent has been baled or put into silage. Seventeen per cent of the hay is in excellent condition, 58 per cent is in good condition and 25 per cent is in fair condition. Quality remains an issue due to a higher-than-normal number of rain-showers. Pasture conditions are rated as 58 per cent excellent, 41 per cent good and one per cent fair. One hundred per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their animals.

Rainfall varied greatly in the region, from trace amounts to 67 mm in the Macklin area. The Dinsmore area received 54 mm of rain this past week, the Perdue area 20 mm, the Marengo area 22 mm, the Kindersley area 38 mm, the Luseland area 17 mm and the Biggar area 31 mm. Since April 1, rainfall in the region has ranged from 266 mm (Kindersley area) to 488 mm (Sonningdale area).

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 26 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and two per cent short on cropland. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 18 per cent surplus, 79 per cent adequate and three per cent short.

Many canola crops have damage from aster yellows and many producers are now scouting for bertha armyworms. Some fields have sustained significant disease damage from sclerotinia, rust and leaf spot diseases. Farmers are spraying for aphids in pulses and cereals. Hail and strong winds have damaged many crops and there have been reports of some farmers losing a significant amount of acres due to the storm that passed through some areas of the region last Friday. Crops are progressing well and there are indications that harvest will begin soon with earlier-seeded pulses and winter cereals.

Producers are busy haying, controlling disease and insects and getting equipment ready for harvest.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Livestock producers now have 88 per cent of the hay crop cut and 68 per cent baled or put into silage. Ten per cent of the hay crop is in excellent condition while 90 per cent is in good condition. Pasture conditions are rated as 26 per cent excellent, 65 per cent good and nine percent fair. One hundred per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their animals.

Heavy rains fell in some parts of the region this past week, increasing the disease pressure in many areas. The Arborfield area received 91 mm of rain, the Porcupine Plain area 24 mm, the Humboldt area 33 mm, the Bruno area 25 mm, the Garrick area 23 mm and the Kinistino area 39 mm. Since April 1, cumulative rainfall in the region has ranged from 303 mm (Garrick area) to 455 mm (Kinistino area).

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 27 per cent surplus and 73 per cent adequate. Topsoil moisture on hay land and pasture is reported as 18 per cent surplus and 82 per cent adequate. Thirty-three per cent of cropland acres in CD 8B have surplus moisture.

The majority of crop damage this week is due to heavy rain, insects and disease. Many producers are spraying for leaf diseases and sclerotinia. There have also been reports of staghead in some canola fields. Aphids are being controlled in many canaryseed and flax fields while armyworms are approaching the economic threshold level in some areas. Excess moisture in some fields and access roads is becoming a concern for producers, although there are indications that harvest will not begin for several weeks.

Producers are busy haying, controlling disease and insects and getting ready for harvest.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Haying continues to progress and livestock producers now have 76 per cent of the hay crop cut and 60 per cent baled or put into silage. Eighty per cent of the hay is in good to excellent condition while 20 per cent is in fair condition. Pasture conditions are rated as six per cent excellent, 74 per cent good, 18 per cent fair and two per cent poor. Ninety-eight per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their animals.

Heavy rains and strong winds have lodged many crops. The Radisson area received 26 mm of rainfall this past week, the Speers area 44 mm, the Glaslyn area 34 mm, the Turtleford area 16 mm, the St. Walburg area 44 mm, the Meadow Lake area 75 mm and the Rapid View area 20 mm. Since April 1, cumulative rainfall in the region has ranged from 183 mm (Dorintosh area) to 410 mm (Radisson area).

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as four per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate, seven per cent short and one per cent very short. Topsoil moisture on hay land and pasture is rated as one per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate, 12 per cent short and one per cent very short.

The majority of crop damage this week is due to wind, excess moisture, insects and diseases. Many farmers are spraying for leaf diseases and sclerotinia. Hail fell on some canola crops and damage varies. Aster yellows damage is a concern in some areas. Some fields could use another rainfall to help advance crops.

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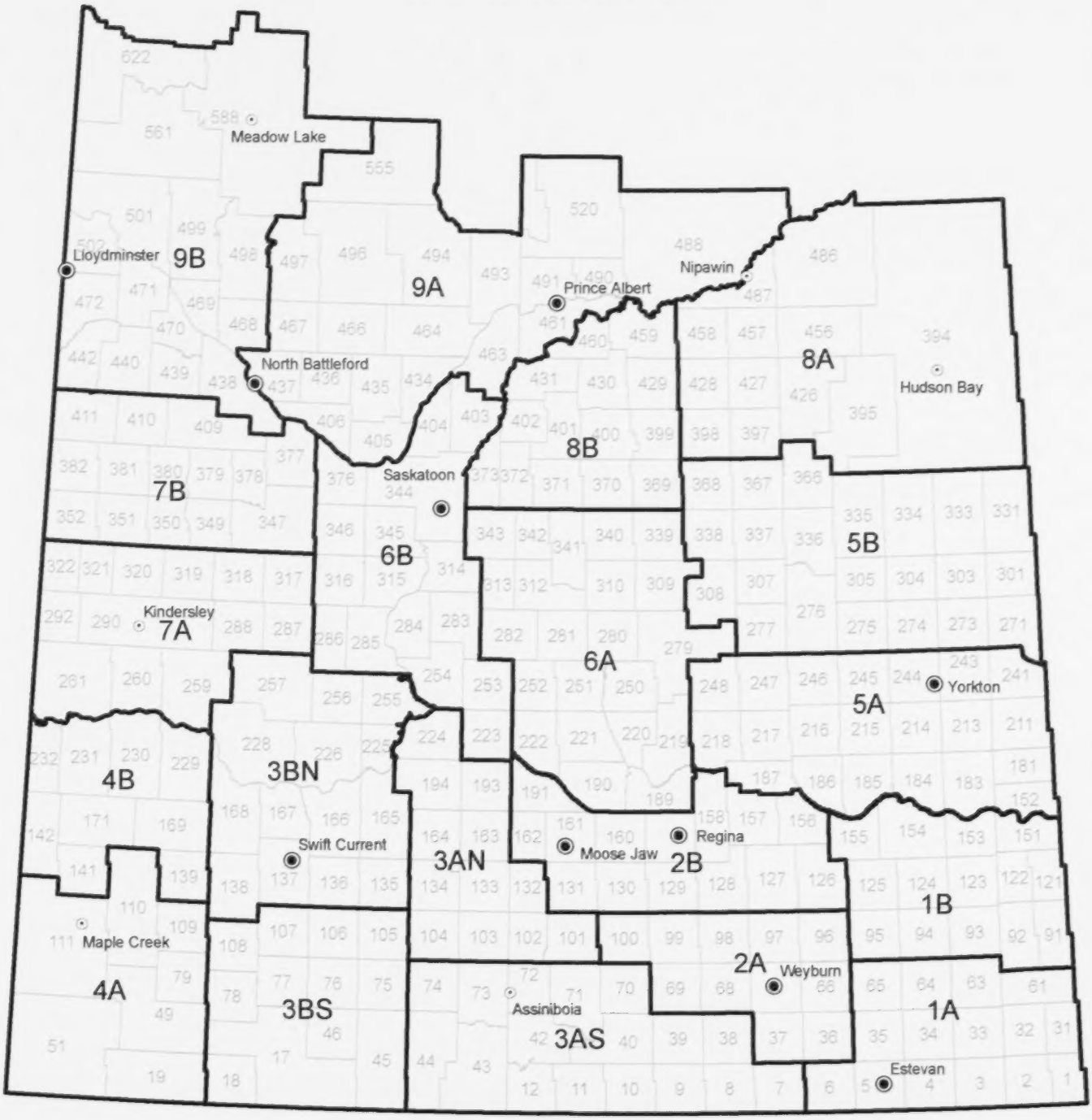
Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period July 24 to 30, 2012

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	181
	2	Mount Pleasant	17	212
	3	Enniskillen	13	300
	33	Moose Creek	3	259
	34	Browning	NIL	230
	61 A	Antler	N/A	309
	61 B	Antler	N/A	26
	63	Moose Mountain	43	343.3
	64	Brock	8	308
	65	Tecumseh	25	293
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	323
	92	Walpole	N/A	280
	95	Golden West	5	279
	122	Martin	1	371
	123	Silverwood	N/A	350
	124	Kingsley	N/A	250
	151 A	Rocanville	4	481
	151 B	Rocanville	NIL	422
	153	Willowdale	N/A	363
	154	Elcapo	N/A	248
	155	Wolseley	4	350
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	N/A
	67	Weyburn	4	189
	68	Brokenshell	4	219
	69	Norton	N/A	N/A
	97	Wellington	35	316
2B	127 A	Francis	24.5	312.5
	127 B	Francis	5	226.4
	129	Bratt's Lake	0.5	291.5
	131	Balldon	NIL	336
	156	Indian Head	50	410
	160 A	Pense	N/A	284
	160 B	Pense	5.5	297.5
	161	Moose Jaw	5	328
	162	Caron	18	358.7
	191	Marquis	NIL	286
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	11	242
	38 B	Laurier	2	209
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	167
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	209
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	1	225
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	271
	40	Bengough	NIL	182
	42	Willow Bunch	NIL	291
	43	Old Post	NIL	277
	44	Waverley	NIL	247
	70	Key West	N/A	160
	71	Excel	N/A	193
	73 A	Stonehenge	N/A	197.3
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	242
	74	Wood River	NIL	185.6
3AN	101	Terrell	NIL	289
	102	Lake Johnston	NIL	246.1
	103	Sutton	NIL	263
	104	Gravelbourg	2	234.5
	132	Hillsborough	5	363
	134	Shamrock	N/A	226
	164	Chaplin	4	235
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	290
	193 B	Eyebrow	NIL	373.5
	194	Enfield	10	336
3BS	17	Val Marie	NIL	435
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	NIL	308
	75 A	Pinto Creek	12	348
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	253
	76 A	Auvergne	1	296
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	291
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	256
	78 A	Grassy Creek	5	263
	78 B	Grassy Creek	N/A	213
	78 C	Grassy Creek	N/A	226
	105	Glenbain	3	269
	106	Whiska Creek	4	303
	107	Lac Pelletier	2	262
	108	Bone Creek	4	253
3BN	138	Webb	NIL	309
	166	Excelsior	NIL	350
	167	Sask. Landing	29.4	307
	168	Riverside	2	227
	226	Victory	N/A	371
	228	Lacadena	5	279
	257	Monet	22	297.7
4A	19	Frontier	N/A	202.6
	49	White Valley	3	241
	51	Reno	NIL	192.6
	79	Arlington	NIL	215
	109	Carmichael	20	327
	110	Piapot	NIL	244
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	296
4B	139	Gull Lake	2	313
	141	Big Stick	NIL	313
	142	Enterprise	NIL	206
	169	Pittville	N/A	186
	231	Happyland	NIL	244
5A	183	Fertile Belt	N/A	424
	186	Abernethy	44	378
	211	Churchbridge	22	381
	213	Saltcoats	8	360
	214	Cana	N/A	N/A
	216	Tullymet	81	367
	217	Lipton	11	343
	241	Calder	17	366
	243	Wallace	N/A	315
	245 A	Garry	N/A	425
	245 B	Garry	49	479
	245 C	Garry	42	385
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	30	336
	247	Kellross	15	346
	248	Touchwood	24	285
5B	271	Cote	30	450
	276	Foam Lake	N/A	288.5
	277	Emerald	43	429
	305	Invermay	14	343
	307	Elfros	27	401
	308	Big Quill	2	242
	333 A	Clayton	N/A	258.8
	334	Preeceville	10	338
	336	Sasman	13	342
	337	Lakeview	27	318
	338	Lakeside	18	231
	366	Kelvington	55	377
6A	189	Lumsden	N/A	272
	190 A	Dufferin	5	284
	190 B	Dufferin	8	278
	190 C	Dufferin	5	247
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	358.2
	219	Longlaketon	18	256
	220	Mickillop	10	293
	221	Samia	6.6	282.2
	222	Craik	29	350
	251	Big Arm	2	258
	252	Arm River	6	260
	279	Mount Hope	N/A	248
	282	McCraney	N/A	309
	309	Prairie Rose	23	258
	313	Lost River	N/A	280
	339	Leroy	11.2	376.7
	340	Wolverine	9	304
	341	Viscount	5	320
	343	Blucher	1.5	319
	283	Rosedale	2.5	299
6B	284	Rudy	25	445
	285	Fertile Valley	8	413
	286	Milden	54	378
	314	Dundurn	6	320
	344	Corman Park	19	366
	346	Perdue	20	437
	376 A	Eagle Creek	8	366
	376 B	Eagle Creek	22	488
	403	Rosthern	22	367
	259	Snipe Lake	N/A	362.1
7A	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	238
	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	286
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	382
	288	Pleasant Valley	2	368
	290	Kindersley	NIL	269
	292	Milton	22	378.5
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	337
	317 B	Marriott	10	367
	318	Mountain View	14	396
	320 A	Oakdale	38	314
	320 B	Oakdale	19	266
	321	Prairiedale	8	304
7B	347 A	Biggar	10	390
	347 B	Biggar	3	358
	350 A	Manposa	22.9	439.7
	350 B	Manposa	N/A	316
	351	Progress	17	375
	352	Heart's Hill	6	402
	377	Glenside	29	437
	378 A	Rosemount	23	411
	378 B	Rosemount	31	417
	379	Reford	16	395
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	368
	409 A	Buffalo	13	477
	409 B	Buffalo	11.5	345.8
	410	Round Valley	8	277.2
	411	Senlac	67	385
8A	395	Porcupine	24	374
	397	Barrier Valley	N/A	253
	428	Star City	5	400
	456	Arborfield	91	452
	457	Connaught	N/A	514
	458	Willow Creek	9	315
	486	Moose Range	5	331
	487	Nipawin	2	419
8B	369	St. Peter	28	367
	370	Humboldt	38	381
	371	Bayne	25	403
	372	Grant	N/A	340.5
	402	Fish Creek	13	328
	429	Flett's Springs	27	379
	459	Kinistino	39	455
	460	Birch Hills	19	397.6
9AE	461	Prince Albert	N/A	241.7
	488	Torch River	23	303
	491	Buckland	N/A	295.9
9AW	406	Mayfield	26	410
	435	Redberry	14	396
	436	Douglas	44	310
	463	Duck Lake	8	365
	464	Leask	N/A	15
	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	241
	467 B	Round Hill	N/A	267
	494	Canwood	N/A	243
	497	Medstead	N/A	195
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	366
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	306
	442	Manitou Lake	5.39	288.6
	468 B	Meota	34	38
	498 A	Parkdale	N/A	359
	498 B	Parkdale	N/A	243
	499	Mervin	N/A	273.3
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	16	275
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	44	240
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	30	303
	561	Loon Lake	8	228
	588 A	Meadow Lake	75	243
	588 B	Meadow Lake	5	227
	588 C	Meadow Lake	9	183
	588 D	Meadow Lake	19.5	282.7
	622	Beaver River	N/A	221

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Weekly Rainfall

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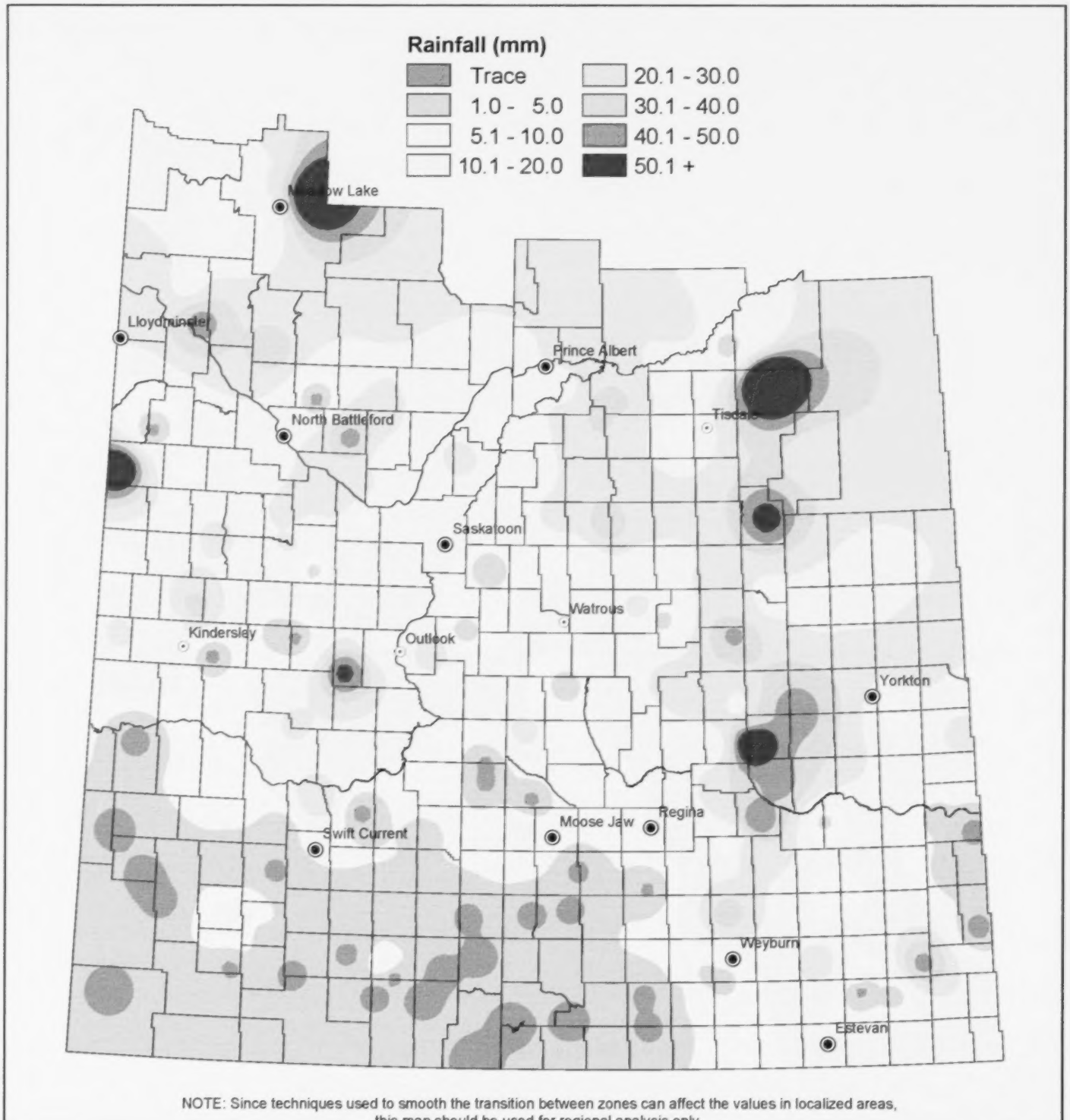

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Cumulative Rainfall

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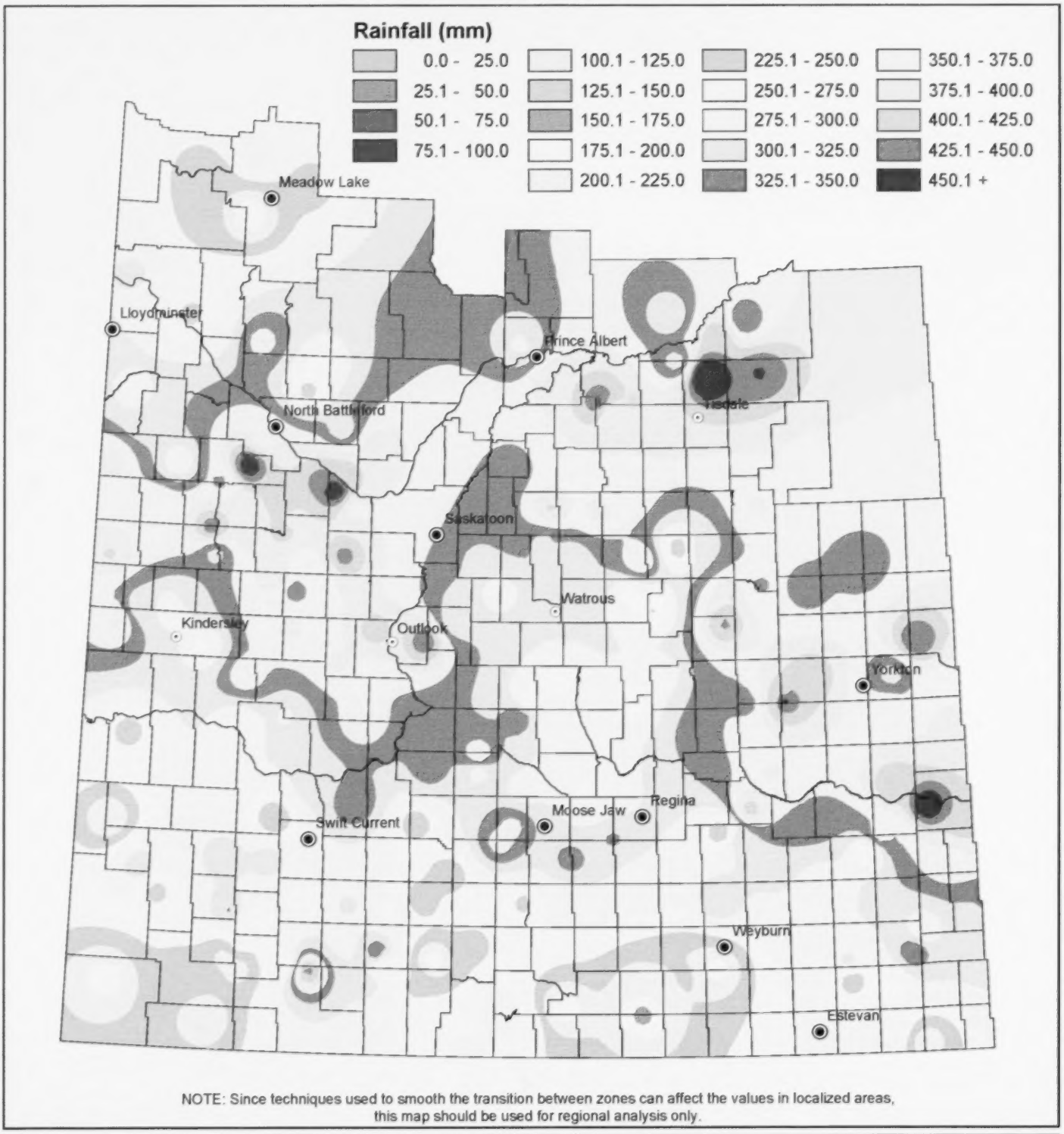

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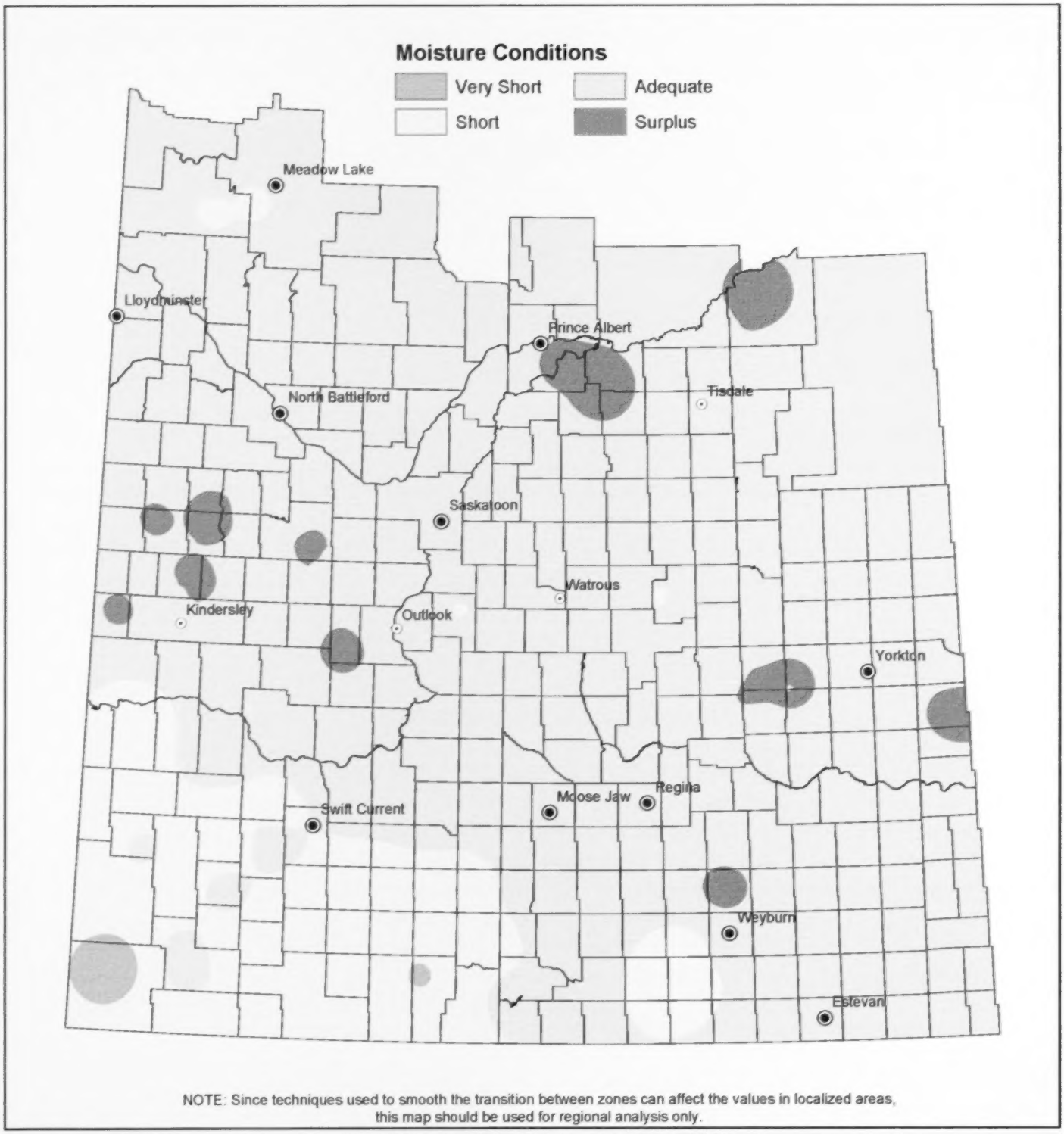
Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

July 31, 2012



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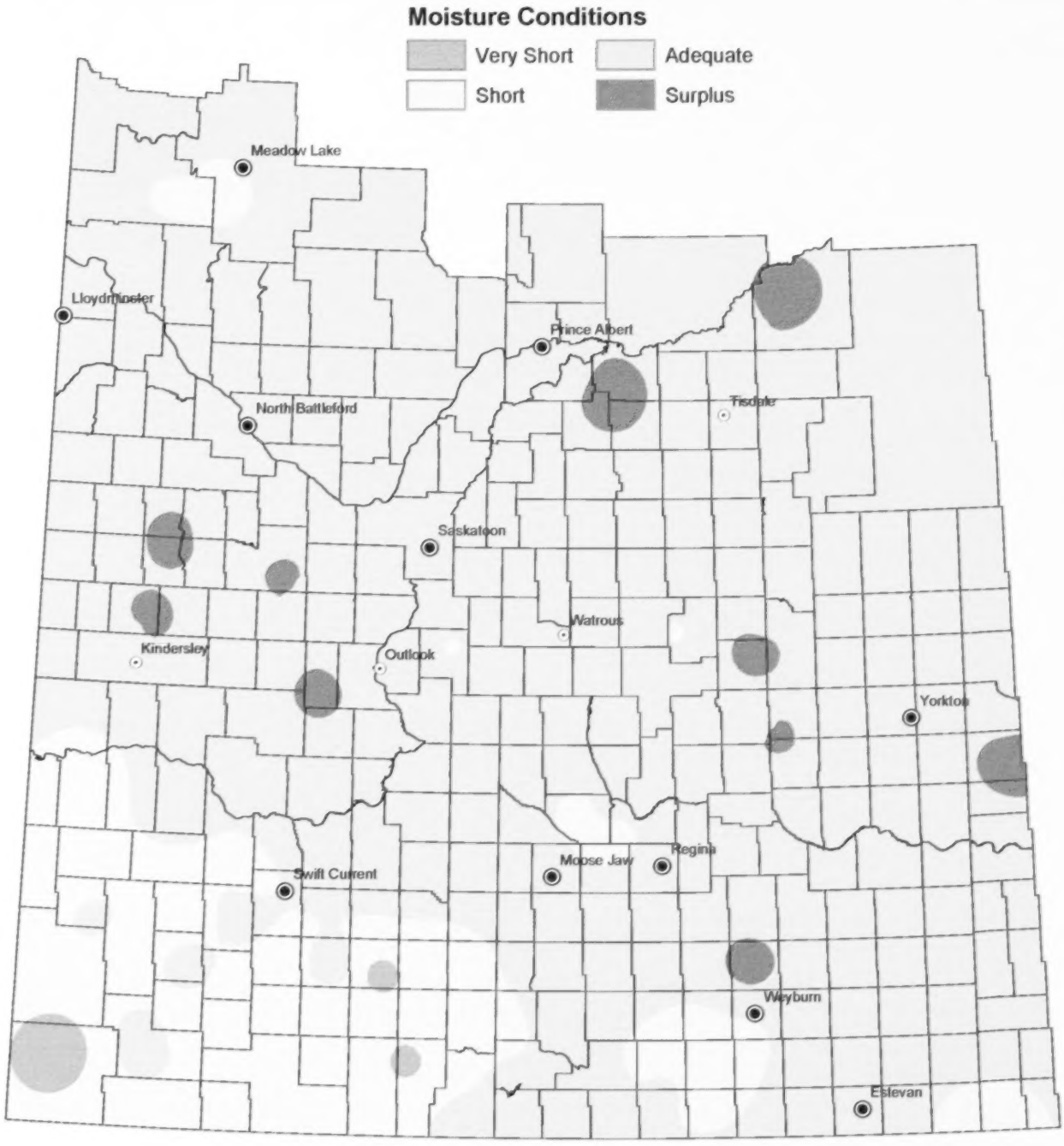
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

July 31, 2012



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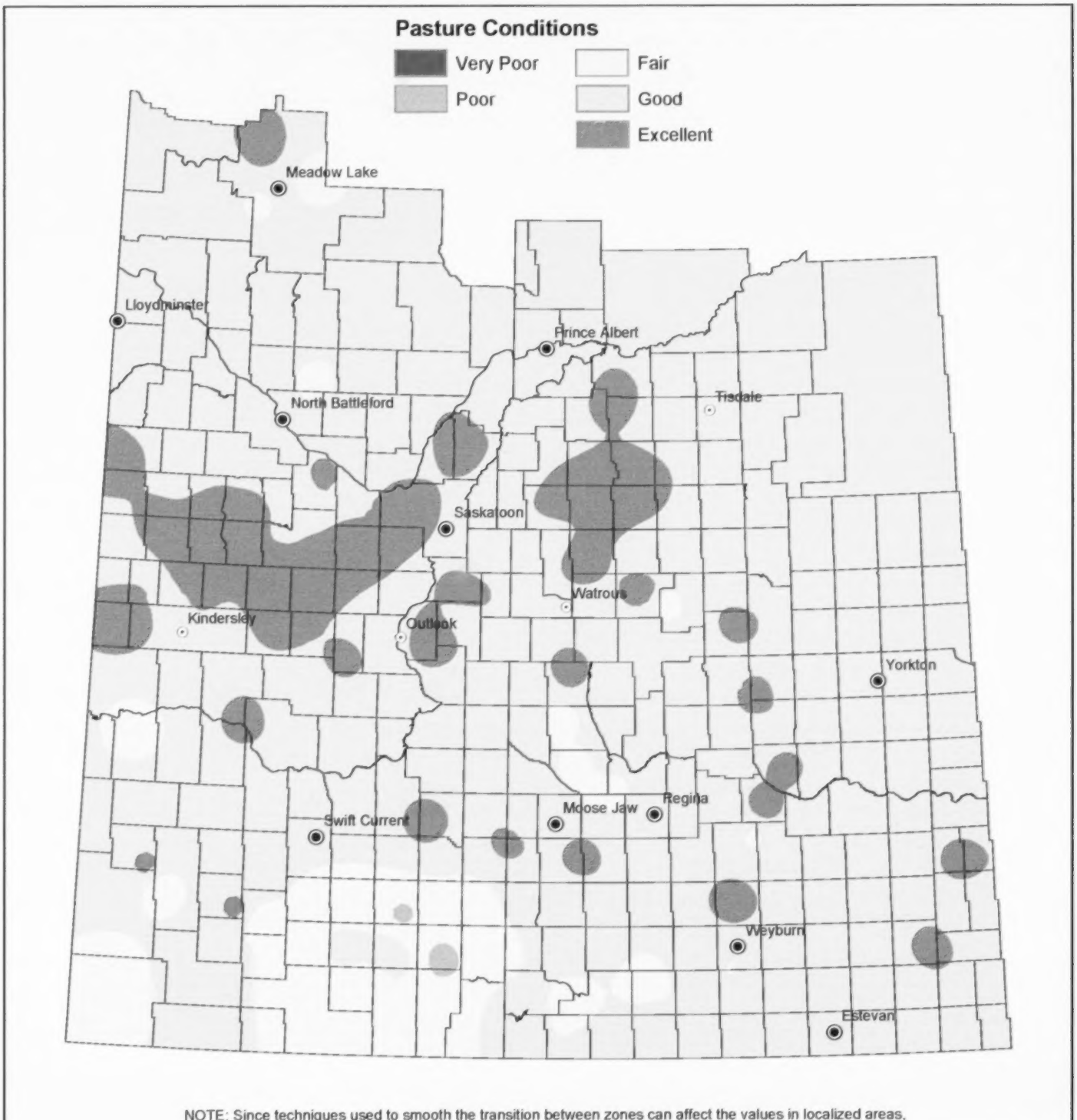
Pasture Conditions

July 31, 2012



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